

**Subject: RE: Homeowner plea for balanced Fromme parking issue**

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Dear Mr. Palmer

The (mountain biking) issue is at present being reviewed by staff and a report should be coming forward shortly. There are indeed large areas further distant from the presently used areas that would be more suitable for the pursuit of this sport. These areas are under the jurisdiction of the GVRD. The nature of the fast growing mountain biking sports is such that even a greater distance from the present one could be contemplated for its use by bikers.

It may be of interest to you that a few years ago the GVRD offered the District of North Vancouver free of charge a large area known as electoral area B. I initiated a study which showed that the acquisition was cost neutral to the District which means it was a gift horse of magnificent proportions virtually doubling the present dimensions of the District.

I had envisioned it to become a large outdoor recreation area with regional, national and even international appeal without impacting the existing residential areas. I had envisioned to construct an access toll road to pay for its cost. Unfortunately the vision or lack of vision by the then Council (some things never change in the District) prevented the matter to go forward and the GVRD withdrew its offer. The area still exists, however, but I think the matter should now be pursued by and with the help of the GVRD. Outdoor recreation of this magnitude which is growing year by year should be a regional concern.

I also believe that the District should use its good offices to assist in making this possible.

These are my thoughts on the matter. In any case the item as I have already stated will be coming forward shortly for further discussion.

Yours truly.

Ernie Crist

-----Original Message-----

From: Palmer's [<mailto:jjbpal@sprint.ca>]

Sent: Wednesday, June 04, 2003 10:53 PM

To: Ernie Crist

Subject: Homeowner plea for balanced Fromme parking issue

Dear Councillors Crist, Harris, Mckee-holmes, Muri, Nixon and Walton,

Re: Parking access to Mount Fromme mountain biking trails

I am a father of 3 boys, professionally employed and a North Shore homeowner who currently lives just a few blocks from the centre of this issue. I am an avid mountain biker who has been mountain biking the North Shore trails for 17 years. I have two recreational loves in my life, paddling and mountain biking; the latter is one of the significant reasons I chose to live where I now live, Lynn Valley.

I now ride to the Fromme Trail access road from my house a few time a week but not that long ago I would park nearby in the streets that are now in contention. This trail access

privilege is a key part of my lifestyle. I am writing to urge you to find a balanced resolution to this issue.

The North Shore is blessed with a natural resource in the mountain bike trails in our backyard that are unlike any others. As a resident of this community and trail user I can easily see the significant draw these trails have. North Vancouver, with a partially tourism based economy enjoys an increased profile as a mountain bike destination. I believe this mountain biking recreation potential is currently untapped and should be better developed to serve families, tourists and more avid cyclists.

As a homeowner in the area I sympathise with the headaches this popularity brings to this neighbourhood. I am disappointed there are riders with poor conduct but they are not the majority of fun loving and respectful riders that I greet on these trails. I believe you also must find a balance in serving their interests as well as many other park users; perhaps this is the simple answer, partially restrict parking on a greater number of streets. I hope that you consider the needs of both sides, especially those users who are also North Vancouver residents.

I have owned homes in other areas of North Vancouver but mountain biking is one of my family's main callings to Lynn Valley. My dream is to bring my three kids up living an active life; I want to ensure mountain biking on Fromme's incredible trails will be available to them like they were to me.

I am happily available to offer more feedback or help in the resolve of this issue at any time.

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